

NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual 2014/15: **March 2015 changes**

The NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual 2014/15 (FT ARM) was published in December 2014. The document was republished in March 2015 and the changes made are listed below.

Minor substantive changes

- Paragraph 2.12 listing standards not yet adopted has been updated for IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 which have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) since the 2014/15 FT ARM was originally issued. They are not effective for 2014/15 and there are no changes to the accounting requirements.
- Paragraph 3.32 has been amended to state that where a foundation trust takes advantage of the exemption afforded by the Companies Act to omit the statement of comprehensive income for the foundation trust parent, it should state in a note to the accounts that it has done so.
- Paragraph 4.61 has been added: for the disclosure of non-compulsory departure payments, paragraph 3.2.13(b) of the FReM now requires disclosure of the maximum (highest), minimum (lowest) and median values of special severance payments.
- Paragraph 5.51 has been amended for 2014/15 to clarify that as the IFRS 7 disclosure requirements regarding valuation techniques have been relocated to IFRS 13 which will not be adopted in the public sector until 2015/16, foundation trusts should continue with the (now deleted) relevant disclosures from IFRS 7 2011, paragraphs 27-27B.
- Paragraph 7.48 on off-payroll disclosures has been expanded to provide links to further guidance previously issued by HM Treasury.
- Paragraph 7.51 detailing the single total figure table in the remuneration report has been expanded to repeat the guidance in the regulations that a negative value should usually be shown as zero in the table.
- Paragraph 7.52 on the fair pay multiple in the remuneration report referred to detailed requirements due to be published in the HM Treasury Public Expenditure System (PES) paper for 2014/15. This paper has not yet been made available publicly and so its requirements in this area have been reproduced as annex 9 to chapter 7.
- The previous paragraph 7.86 on page 146 of the FT ARM has been deleted as these requirements (to provide details of ill-health retirements and an

analysis of other income where material) are already included elsewhere in the FT ARM in paragraphs 4.63 and 4.7.

- The content of the previous paragraph 7.87 on page 146 of the FT ARM covering two disclosures required by the HM Treasury Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) has been moved into paragraph 7.33 as the FReM specifies these as being disclosed in the directors' report. This relates to the requirement to disclose staff sickness information and a statement on compliance with HM Treasury's cost allocation guidance. There is no change to the disclosure requirements. The change to the ARM is to specify where in the annual report the disclosures should be made.
- Paragraph 7.79 dealing with payments for loss of office in the remuneration report has been updated to clarify that the definitions of non-compulsory exit packages in chapter 4 also apply to any disclosures made under chapter 7.
- Paragraph 7.105 previously referred to guidance on sustainability reporting being published in a PES paper. This paper has not yet been made available publicly and so the link to guidance has been changed.
- Annex 2 to chapter 7 has been updated to incorporate an update made to the detailed requirements for quality reports clarifying that performance against indicators listed in the Risk Assessment Framework should be reported for the whole year.
- Annex 8 to chapter 7 has been updated to reflect minor changes made in December 2014 to the content of HM Treasury's PES paper dealing with off-payroll disclosures. Changes are shown in bold italics.

Minor corrections

- Annex 1 to chapter 3 – old reference to 'minority interest' updated to 'non-controlling interest'.
- Paragraph numbers in chapter 7 have been corrected – the formerly duplicated numbers 7.79 to 7.97 are now updated to 7.89 to 7.105.
- Paragraph 7.86 has been updated to make a clearer link to annex 2 to chapter 7 which contains Monitor's quality report requirements. The annex has not changed except for the update referred to above. Paragraph 7.87 has been updated to link to the detailed requirements for quality reports (incorporating quality accounts) for 2014/15 which has now been published.
- Some paragraph references to chapter 4 found in the introduction, paragraph 2.7, paragraph 2.10 and paragraph 6.18 have been corrected, where they were previously one paragraph out in their referencing.